

Therapy dog fitting in at Louisburg Police Department

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LOUISBURG - Tate, a 3-year-old purebred English Labrador, has been a welcome four-legged addition to the Louisburg Police Department as a therapy dog.

Police Chief Josh Weber, Tate's handler, said the dog was acquired last year from a nonprofit in Concordia, Kan. Tate is a career-change dog, originally trained for wheelchair assistance, but he was reassigned as a therapy animal.

"He stays with me 24/7, seven days a week," Weber said. "We wanted to leave him here for employee satisfaction but can't because of time off."

Tate rides with Weber frequently and loves to interact with residents, though at first he ignored people

completely. He has since been retrained to be more open with the public, and he loves children. People want to come up and see the dog in uniform.

"We strive to be community oriented and build a relationship with the community," Weber said, adding that Tate helps employees and community members with their mental health and well-being, as well as a number of other things.

"There have been studies that these types of animals lower stress and blood pressure," Weber said.

Weber spoke of multiple situations where Tate has made a significant impact. One, in particular, was a mental health crisis turned for the better after the individual laid down with Tate and calmed instantly. In another case, following a fatal house fire, a grieving child



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Louisburg Police Chief Josh Weber is pictured with Tate, a 3-year-old English Labrador who serves as the department's therapy dog.

found comfort through interactions with the dog.

Tate is praise-driven and does not receive treats. His favorite reward is affection or an ice cube.

Despite being highly intelligent, Tate can also be

defiant, and Weber said the dog sometimes needs to be reminded who is in charge. Overall, Weber said he can deal with him well, and Tate is well behaved and well mannered.

Funding for Tate's care

comes entirely from donations. Wildcat Veterinary Clinic donates medical services, Hill's Pet Nutrition provides food, and Weber handles grooming.

"Tate takes almost nothing from the taxpayers,"

Weber said.

Tate also visits senior homes and community organizations around Louisburg, and he's been good at working the crowd.

Even growing up in a prison, Tate knows he's at work when the vest is put on, and at home he acts like a 3-year-old dog. Tate has become a loved member of the police department.

Weber volunteered to keep him even through retirement. Service life is about five years, but it varies depending on what the animal is doing.

Tate is a morale builder, bringing stress relief and employee satisfaction, and he's another tool at the department's disposal to use to better serve the community.

Weber is usually not the first out on a call, but he said officers can call to make Tate available when needed.

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF MIAMI COUNTY, KANSAS PROBATE DIVISION In the Matter of the Estate of: NAPOLEON PETE MEEKS, Deceased (Petition Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 59) Case No. MI-2025-PR-000042

NOTICE OF HEARING AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED: You are hereby notified that on June 13, 2025, a Petition for Issuance of Letters of Administration was filed in this Court by Verlene Dillard, a surviving heir of Napoleon Pete Meeks, deceased. You are required to file your written defenses thereto on or before 14th day of July 2025 at 3:00 P.M. in the City of Paola, in Miami County, Kansas at which time said cause will be heard. This hearing will occur remotely. If you wish to participate in the hearing by video or conference call, please contact Miami County District Court 913-294-4374 before the date of the hearing so you can be invited to join the hearing. Should you fail to do so, the Court will proceed and enter such orders as the court determines appropriate. Should you fail to file your written defenses, judgement and decree will be entered in due course upon the petition. All creditors are notified to exhibit their demand against the Estate within the latter of four months from the date of the first publication of notice under K.S.A. 59-2236 and amendments thereto, or if the identity of the creditor is known or reasonably ascertainable, 30 days after actual notice was given as provided by law, and if their demands are not thus exhibited, they shall be forever barred. Respectfully submitted, /s/Ronald P. Wood Ronald P. Wood, #10089 The Law Offices of Ronald P. Wood, L.L.C. 11225 College Blvd., Suite 110 Overland Park, Kansas 66210

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF MIAMI COUNTY, KANSAS CIVIL COURT DEPARTMENT

LAKEVIEW LOAN SERVING, LLC. Plaintiff, vs. JAMES RICHARDSON; ET AL. Defendants. Case No.: MI-2022-CV-000096 Division No. Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 60 Title to Real Estate Involved

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that under and by virtue of an Order of Sale issued to me by the Clerk of the District Court of Miami County, Kansas, the undersigned Sheriff of Miami County, Kansas, will offer for sale at public auction and sell to the highest bidder for cash in hand at 10:00 AM on July 16, 2025, at the Miami County Courthouse steps at 120 S. Pearl, Paola, Kansas of the Miami County Courthouse for the following real estate located in the County of Miami, State of Kansas, to wit: LOT 111, OF THE VILLAGE AT SPRING VALLEY HILL V, A SUBDIVISION IN THE CITY OF SPRING HILL, MIAMI COUNTY, KANSAS, AS SHOWN ON THE RECORDED PLAT THEREOF. ("Property") Commonly known as: 21793 LINCOLN TER, SPRING HILL, KS 66083 to satisfy the judgment in the above-entitled case. The sale is to be made without appraisal and subject to the redemption period as provided by law, and further subject to the approval of the Court.

Frank W. Kelly Miami County Sheriff Prepared by: MARINOSCI LAW GROUP, P.C. David V. Noyce, #20870 11111 Nall Avenue, Suite 104 Leawood, KS 66211 Phone: (913) 800-2021 Fax: (913) 257-5223 dnoyce@mlg-defaultlaw.com ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF

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MARINOSCI LAW GROUP, P.C. IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

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RANDY BRITTINGHAM, and DIANE BRITTINGHAM Petitioners. IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF MIAMI COUNTY, KANSAS. KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE, DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES, the unknown) heirs, executors, administrators, devisees, trustees,) creditors an assigns of any Defendant as may be deceased and the spouse of any Defendant; the unknown officers, successors, trustees, creditors and assigns of such Defendants as are or were partners or in partnership; and the unknown guardians, conservators and trustees of such and any Defendants as are minors or are in anywise under legal disability; and the unknown heirs, executors, administrators, devisees, trustees, creditors and assigns of any person alleged to be deceased, Respondents. Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 60 Case No.: 2025CV85

NOTICE OF SUIT

The State of Kansas to all other persons who are or may be concerned: You are hereby notified that a Petition has been filed in the District Court of Miami County by Petitioners, Randy Brittingham and Diane Brittingham, praying for quieting title on personal property identified as a 1993 Dutch Housing Mobile Home, bearing VIN# DHM12348ZB/A, and you are hereby required to plead to the Petition on or before August 11, 2025 at 2:30 p.m., in the court at 120 S Pearl St., Paola, KS 66071. If you fail to plead, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the Petition.

Prepared by: /s/ Kyle Brittingham Kyle Brittingham Brittingham Law P.A. #24725 1040 New Hampshire Street

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Attorney for Petitioner Instructions to the Publisher: Please publish for three consecutive weeks commencing no later than June 25, 2025. Immediately after the first publication, please forward three copies of the notice to Brittingham Law P.A., 13120 Reeds Street, Overland Park, Kansas 66209. Immediately after the third publication, please make your proof of publication to the Miami County District Court, Courthouse, with copy to this office.

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF MIAMI COUNTY, KANSAS CIVIL DEPARTMENT Case No. MI-2023-CV-300020 K.S.A. Chapter 60 Title to Real Estate Involved DIANE HODGE, Plaintiff, V. MICHAEL WOOD, ET AL Defendants SM FEDERAL CREDIT UNION v. Counterclaim Plaintiff DIANE HODGE, ET AL Counterclaim Defendants. ORDER OF SALE State of Kansas Miami County SS. On December 3, 2024, Plaintiff recovered an in personam judgment against Defendant Diane Hodge, and an in rem judgment against the Property in the amount of \$457,196.98 plus interest at 3.0% per annum, plus court costs, advances for real estate taxes, insurance, advances or charges under the Note and Mortgage, and the costs of this action. These judgments were declared to be a first and prior lien upon the real estate described below. The court costs of this action include, but are not limited to, the filing fee in the amount of \$195.00 and publication costs in the amount of \$600.00. A judgment was entered against the defendants that in the event the defendants failed for fourteen (14) days from the date of the judgment to pay to plaintiff the sums found due, then and in that event, an Order of Sale should issue to the Sheriff of Miami County, Kansas, commanding the Sheriff to advertise and sell according to law, and without appraisal, all of the following described real estate:

All that part of the West half of the Northwest Quarter of Section 36, Township 18, Range 22, Miami County, Kansas described as follows: Commencing at the Southwest Corner of the Northwest Quarter of said Section 36, thence North 0°30'06" West, along the West line of the Northwest Quarter of said Section 36, a distance of 841 feet, to the point of beginning, thence South 89°48'20" East, parallel with the South line of the Northwest Quarter of said Section 36, a distance of 630.00 feet, thence North 0°30'06" West parallel with the West line of the Northwest Quarter of said Section 36, a distance of 110.00 feet, thence South 89°48'20" East, parallel with the South line of the Northwest Quarter of said Section 36, a distance of 696.30 feet to a point on the East line of the West half of the Northwest Quarter of said Section 36, thence North 0°26'45" West, along the East line of the West

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half of the Northwest Quarter of said Section 36, a distance of 1717.03 feet, to the Northeast corner of the West half of the Northwest Quarter of said Section 36, thence South 89°53'59" West, along the North line of the Northwest Quarter of said Section 36, a distance of 923.91 feet, to a point 404.00 feet East of the Northwest corner of the Northwest Quarter of said Section 36, thence South 0°30'06" East parallel with the West line of the Northwest Quarter of said Section 36 a distance of 539.00 feet, thence South 89°53'59" West, parallel with the North line of the Northwest Quarter of said Section 36, a distance of 404.00 feet, to a point on the West line of the Northwest Quarter of said Section 36, thence South 0°30'06" East along the West line of the Northwest Quarter of said Section 36, a distance of 1278.22 feet to the point of beginning. Commonly known as 37655 Osawatomie Road, Osawatomie, Kansas 66064 (the "Property"). You are commanded to proceed according to law to advertise and sell the above-described real estate, pursuant to K.S.A. §60-2410, and to cause public notice of the time and place of the sale to be given by publication once each week for three consecutive weeks before the date of sale by advertisement in a newspaper regularly printed and published and having a general circulation in Miami County, Kansas. You are directed to apply the proceeds arising from the sale as set forth in the judgment rendered in this case. You will make due return of this Order of Sale with your proceeds endorsed, showing the manner in which you have executed the same, all as provided by law. This Order is effective as of the date and time shown on the electronic file stamp. THE HONORABLE RICHARD M. FISHER, JR. Prepared by: Evans & Mullinix, P.A. By: /s/ Michael A. Bene Michael A. Bene, #29490 7225 Renner Road Shawnee, Kansas 66217 mbene@emlawkc.com (913) 962-8700 (913) 962-8701 (fax) ATTORNEYS FOR SM FEDERAL CREDIT UNION CERTIFICATE OF MAILING I hereby certify that a copy of the proposed Order of Sale was provided to all counsel of record on June 25, 2024: Respectfully Submitted: EVANS & MULLINIX, P.A. /s/ Michael A. Bene Michael A. Bene KS #29490 7225 Renner Road, Suite 200 Shawnee, KS 66217 (913) 962-8700; (913) 962-8702 (Fax) mbene@emlawkc.com Attorneys for SM Federal Credit Union

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(First Published in The Miami County Republic, July 9, 2025) IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF MIAMI COUNTY, KANSAS In the Matter of the Estate of Case No. MI 2025 PR 000 046 PATRICIA L. COUNTER, Deceased. NOTICE TO CREDITORS THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED: You are hereby notified that on June 27, 2025, a Petition for Probate of Last Will and Testament and Issuance of Letters Testamentary was filed in this Court by Jennifer L. Thurau, an heir, legatee

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and devisee and the Executor of the Estate of Patricia L. Counter, Deceased. All creditors of the above named decedent are notified to exhibit their demands against the Estate within four (4) months from the date of first publication of this Notice, as provided by law, and if their demands are not thus exhibited, they shall be forever barred. Jennifer L. Thurau Executor. DOMONEY & DOMONEY 18 E. Wea; P.O. Box 411 Paola, KS 66071 (913) 294-2800; Fax: (913) 594-4601 Attorneys for Executor Publish: Miami County Republic

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CITY OF LOUISBURG

The Louisburg Planning Commission will hold a public hearing at 6:30 P.M. on July 30, 2025, in the Council Chambers, 215 South Broadway, Louisburg, Kansas to consider a city-initiated Deannexation of property from the City of Louisburg in accordance with K.S.A. 12-504, Petition for vacation of site or addition, street or alley, or for exclusion of land, for property generally located south of 335th Street and east of US-69 Highway.

Case No. 25001-DXA Deannexation of property from the City of Louisburg The following Deannexation is requested:

1. Deannexation of approximately 601.58 acres from the City of Louisburg and reclassify this property into the Miami County, Kansas jurisdiction.

Legal Description - Abbreviated

Middle Creek Lake or property known as approximately 601 +/- acres, Sections 4,5,6,7,8, Township Eighteen (18) South, Range Twenty Five (25) East, Miami County, Kansas NOTE: To view the full legal description for the property, please visit the City of Louisburg website here: <https://bit.ly/44u4iGb> or it can be viewed at Louisburg City Hall, 215 South Broadway, Louisburg, Kansas.

Anyone wishing to address this application may attend the public hearing or submit written comments to the Planning Commission. Information regarding this application may be obtained before the hearing by contacting the Louisburg Planning and Development Department, 215 South Broadway, Louisburg, Kansas 66053.

If you require accommodations (qualified interpreter, hearing assistance, etc.) in order to attend this meeting, please contact Katherine Louderbaugh at (913) 837-5811 at least 48 hours in advance.

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Public Notices

USD 416 RFP for an Acoustical Foam Ceiling at Circle Grove Preschool

USD 416 is requesting bids for qualified bidders to install K-13 Acoustical Spray in the Circle Grove Gymnasium. All inquiries and bid specifications can be acquired by contacting Doug Key at 913-548-9562. Bids are due by Thursday, July 17, 2025 at 1pm.

State of Kansas Recreation Commission 2025/2026			
NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING The governing body of Paola Recreation Commission will meet on July 16, 2025 at 7:00 PM at Paola Recreation Commission Office, 5 Wallace Park Dr. Paola, KS hearing and answering objections of taxpayers relating to the proposed use of funds. Detailed budget information is available at www.paolarec.com and will be available at this meeting.			
SUPPORTING COUNTIES Miami (home county) Franklin			
BUDGET SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURES The proposed budget year expenditure amount is the maximum expenditure limit for the proposed budget year.			
Fund	Prior Year Actual 2023/2024	Current Year Estimated 2024/2025	Proposed Budget Year 2025/2026
General	282,090	373,339	620,661
Employee Benefit Fund	18,668	30,782	75,500
Totals	300,758	404,121	696,161
Lease Purchases:			
July 1,	2022 0	2023 0	2024 0
Revenue Neutral Rate as defined by KSA 79-2988			1.130
Total Proposed Estimated Tax Rate			1.130
Wesley Joy Recreation Commission Secretary Publish: Miami County Republic Date: July 2 and 9, 2025 3620930			